

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) A fishing pole holder for holding in position multiple fishing poles at selected positions while trolling from a fishing boat, the fishing pole holder comprising:

a C-clamp having a main portion extending, when the fishing pole holder is installed on the boat, over a generally vertical wall of the boat;

first and second arms on the clamp extending from the main portion adjacent inboard and outboard sides of the wall, respectively;

a base plate secured to the second arm adjacent the outboard wall side;

a clamping force reaction cushion secured to the base plate;

a clamping shaft threadably connected to the first arm and extending generally perpendicular to the force reaction cushion whereby, when the clamping shaft is adjusted to a clamping position, the fishing pole holder is held securely to the wall side;

a threaded support shaft secured to the main clamp portion and extending from opposite sides of the main clamp portion in a direction generally parallel to the boat wall;

a first fishing pole holder element secured to the support shaft on one side of the camp and a second fishing pole holder element secured to the support shaft on the opposite side of the clamp;

means for adjusting the angular position of the first fishing pole holder element about a first axis that intersects a support shaft axis;

means for adjusting the angular position of the second fishing pole holder element about a second axis that intersects the support shaft axis;

means for adjusting the first fishing pole holder element about the axis of the support shaft; and

means for adjusting the second fishing pole holder element about the axis of the support shaft.

2. (currently amended) The fishing pole holder set forth in claim 1 wherein the first and second fishing pole holder elements are each generally cylindrical, each fishing shaft pole holder element being adapted to encircle and retain a grip end of a fishing pole.

3. (original) The fishing pole holder set forth in claim 2 wherein the means for adjusting the angular position of the fishing pole holder elements about the first and second axes comprise pedestals secured to the respective fishing pole holder elements;

strap clamps surrounding each pedestal;

each strap clamp having a closed end secured to the support shaft and an open end; and

a clamping bolt extending through the open end of each strap clamp and a clamping nut adjustably attached to each clamping bolt whereby each fishing pole holder element is secured in a selected fixed position relative to the boat wall independently of a selected fixed position of the other fishing pole holder element.

4. (original) The fishing pole holder set forth in claim 3 wherein each of the means for adjusting the fishing pole holder elements about the support shaft axis comprises a clamping nut threaded on the support shaft and engaging one of the strap clamps whereby each fishing pole holder element is held in a selected fixed position relative to the support shaft axis.